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In re application of : **MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION**
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METHOD FOR PROPHYLAXIS AND
TREATMENT OF DIABETIC
COMPLICATIONS WITH 4[α -
HYDROXY-2-METHYL-5-
(1-IMIDAZOLYL)BENZYL]-3,5-
DIMETHYLBENZOIC ACID AND
DERIVATIVES

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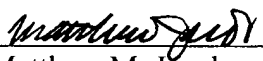
Sir:

Applicants in the above-entitled application hereby claim the date of priority under the International Convention of Japanese Patent Application No. 340161/1995, filed December 27, 1995, as acknowledged in the Declaration of this application.

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